

## QUESTIONS?



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## COMPENSATION FOR CRIME VICTIMS

# OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES



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### WHAT IS VICTIM COMPENSATION?

The State of Connecticut has a fund to help crime victims with lost wages, medical/counseling expenses; and certain other out-of-pocket costs. Some of the money comes from fees and fines paid by convicted persons. The Office of Victim Services (OVS) runs this and other victim programs.

### IS OTHER HELP AVAILABLE?

Whether or not you're eligible for compensation OVS offers other programs that include: counseling, information and referral, victim notification, and court-based advocacy.

For more information call: **(888) 286-7347**

### WHAT EXPENSES MAY COMPENSATION COVER?

- Medical and dental costs related to the crime
- Counseling for victims (and family members in certain cases)
- Victim's lost wages
- Loss of support and/or funeral costs for family members of homicide victims

### HOW MUCH CAN BE PAID?

- For survivors of homicide: up to \$25,000
- For physically injured victims: up to \$15,000

### HOW IS IT PAID?

OVS usually reimburses you for lost wages and medical bills you pay, and reimburses the medical provider for any balances after services are provided.

### CHECK OTHER SOURCES FIRST

OVS covers costs that other sources don't cover or only partially cover.

Examples of other sources include:

- Medicare/Medicaid
- Health insurance
- Sick time from job
- Workers' Compensation
- Victim restitution from convicted person
- Legal settlements
- Disability insurance
- Unemployment compensation

### DO I HAVE TO PROVE FINANCIAL NEED?

No, income level is not a criterion.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

The victim, his/her attorney, certain persons who suffer financial loss as the result of a crime, the dependents or designated decision maker of a homicide victim, the parent, legal guardian or other legal representative of a minor or incompetent person.

### WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Up to two years after the injury or death occurs.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

File an Application for Victim Compensation with OVS. A Claims Examiner will work with you to collect the information needed.

### AM I ELIGIBLE?

If you answer "yes" to these questions, you may be eligible. Send OVS the self-mailer card or call **(888) 286-7347**.

- ☐ I was injured in the course of a crime **or** injured while helping police during a crime **or** I am a family member or designated decision maker of a homicide, sexual assault or child abuse victim.
- ☐ I didn't cause the crime or do anything illegal.
- ☐ I reported the crime to police.
- ☐ Other sources don't cover all my eligible costs.

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*Cut along dotted line and mail this card.*

### **SEND ME AN APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION**

*(Please print all items)*

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Full Name

I am the : ☐ victim ☐ parent/legal guardian  
☐ attorney ☐ other

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Address: No., street, Apt. no.

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City, state, zip code

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Home telephone no.

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Work telephone no.